

# Executive Proclamation

## State of South Dakota

### Office of the Governor

*Whereas*, The dedication, innovation and entrepreneurial spirit of the small business men and women in the state of South Dakota helps the American economy grow stronger; and,

*Whereas*, In 1932, North Western Warehouse Company of Rapid City became the first bonded public warehouse in the Black Hills region with Wally Koppmann appointed as its first manager by Chicago & North Western Railroad Vice President Alex Johnson; and,

*Whereas*, Wally Koppmann became president of the company in 1938, and when the railroad approached Wally to purchase the company in 1956, he did so with good friend, John Materi, in order to take advantage of this golden opportunity; and,

*Whereas*, Freezer and cold storage facilities were added in 1946 to accommodate the needs of their customers, and the business continues to enjoy success because of their response to public demand and willingness to keep up with the latest technology; and,

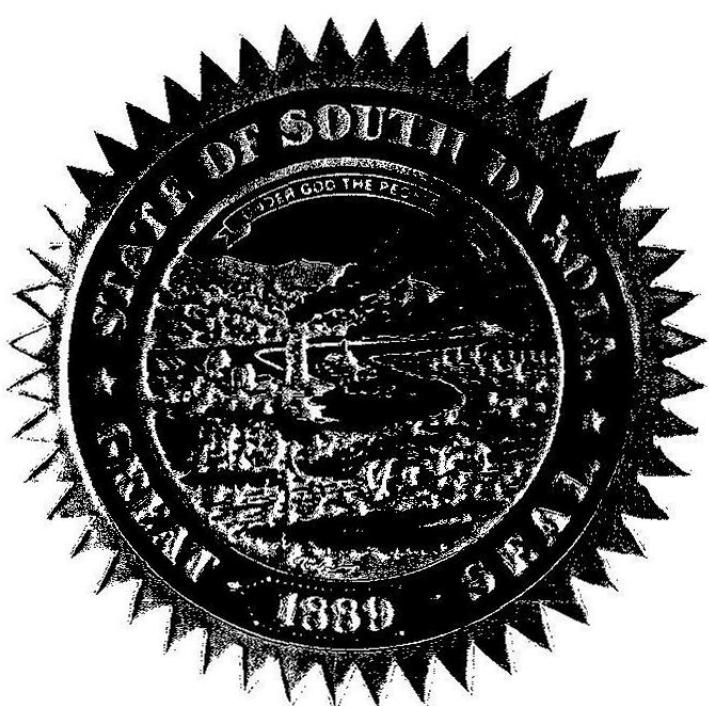
*Whereas*, In 1958, Wally's son, Douglas Koppmann, joined the business as a part-time employee, became full-time in 1966, purchased the company in 1980, and has now added the third generation of Koppmanns to the business by hiring sons Jason and Jerred; and,

*Whereas*, North Western Warehouse Company will be celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on June 4, 2007, and to commemorate this occasion, will donate \$500 to a youth organization in ten Black Hills communities—their way of saying "thank you" to the many customers they have served:

*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 4, 2007, as

### *NORTH WESTERN WAREHOUSE COMPANY DAY*

in South Dakota.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-first Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

A handwritten signature of M. Michael Rounds.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

A handwritten signature of Chris Nelson.

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State